GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:127
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SMUGGLING OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country is taking place;

(b) if so, whether the Government has identified the countries from where arms and ammunition are being smuggled into the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken up the issue with such countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.

(f): The Government of India has taken the following steps to check the smuggling of arms & ammunition.

(i)The State and UT Government have been urged to make sustained and continued efforts to unearth illegal weapons/arms.

ii) Regular meetings are held with the representatives of the States/Uts. to monitor and take stock of the situations.

iii) Border management has been strengthened by border fencing on the Indo-Pak and Bangladesh borders, deployment of security forces along the borders, infrared sensors, thermal imaging devices (including night vision devices), underground sensors, trip wire mechanisms to activate fence lights, battle field surveillance radars, etc.